

From: Jonathan McGowan
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:53 PM
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE changes in media ownership

As a republican from the state of Oregon I just want to voice my opposition to the proposed changes to media ownership.....please vote no.....it would stifle new thoughts and ideas and give big business more control over the media.....

Jonathan McGowan

From: Susannah Lippman
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:53 PM
Subject: June 2nd vote

Dear Commissioner:

Please do your duty to this country and vote NO to further media consolidation!

Our democratic way of life is at stake. Once lost we may never be able to get it back. That's because those who control the air waves control public opinion and therefore the votes with which to vote themselves permanent power.

The airwaves belong to the people, not the media corporations. Your duty is to us and to the welfare of the country. Your duty is NOT to big business!!!

Do not embarrass yourselves!! Do not let us down!

Susannah Lippman
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From: TERRY LYNCH
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:56 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

You 5 people have no right to make such a drastic change in what information we will receive in the future. That is not your job. Your job is to protect OUR interests - the PUBLIC. We cannot get adequate information from fewer sources-as you propose. We need more sources. You need to put back more controls and higher limits on market share etc. NOW.

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Nanci Gaglio
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:56 PM
Subject: diversity in media ownership PLEASE

Dear Michael Powell and other members of the FCC,

I am very deeply concerned about your imminent decision on the deregulation of broadcast ownership. It looks as though you are about to decide to relax ownership caps, without having sought out or listened to public opinion on this matter. We need far more debate and publicity on a matter which will further empower individual corporations who already have more than their fair share of control over what messages the American people are exposed to in their daily lives of listening and watching mainstream media.

Please at LEAST consider delaying the date of this decision in favor of hearing more feedback from the American people, if you are not currently willing to leave the rules as they are.

Thank you for hearing this opinion.

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From: Ligman, Patt
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:57 PM
Subject: media vote...

no. No. NO. Bigger is NOT better.

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From: Tim Duffy
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:57 PM
Subject: Media ownership rule changes

I am concerned about the upcoming vote by the FCC to relax the rules on media ownership.

I feel this would concentrate the power of the media in too few hands. This would homogenized what the public sees and hears, threatening the public's knowledge of events and restrict editorial opinions. This would especially be true in local news.

Please do what you can to prevent this from happening. Thank you.

Tim Duffy

From: J R Hustwit
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:58 PM
Subject: Media Ownership De-regulation

Chairpeople,

I just wanted to write you to let you know that my colleagues and I feel that the de-regulation of media ownership would have disastrous consequences for the United States, civil liberties and democracy as we know it. As media conglomerates work together and cooperate, de-regulation decreases market competition! To de-regulate media ownership would undermine the democratic process, as democracy relies on an informed and participatory public. Concentrated media ownership discourages diversity of opinion in public debate and promotes homogeneity of opinion. It also reduces the quality of media content, as editorial content is increasingly subordinated to advertising and commercial interests.

Please know that to relax restrictions on media ownership would mean that Americans would have to rely on fewer and fewer sources of information. One can see how this places our great country on a slippery slope that can only end in an Orwellian nightmare.

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST MEDIA DE-REGULATION!

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From: Dpthurow@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:58 PM
Subject: Broadcast Cross-ownership Rules MB Docket No. 02-277

Dear Chairman Powell:

I have been studying this issue for several months and have come to the firm conclusion that further relaxation of cross-ownership rules would be detrimental to the public interest.

Government action should be exercised to promote greater competition and thus to encourage diversity of views. Your proposed changes would move us in the opposite direction.

Please cancel your planned relaxation of these rules.

Sincerely,

David Thurow
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Aaron Whelchel
To: FCC FCCINFO
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:59 PM
Subject: Media Ownership Rules

I am writing to oppose changes to the media ownership rules that would allow corporations to increase their control over our nations media. A free and unfettered press is key to our nation. By allowing corporations to consolidate their hold on our media even further would degrade and damage innovation and erode the freedom of the press. I encourage you to keep our nations media accessible to everyone. Please do not approve the proposed changes on Monday.

Sincerely,

Aaron Whelchel

CC: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein

From: Kurt van Heiningen
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:00 PM
Subject: Against the loosening of current FCC Regulations on media ownership

Dear Commissioners,

Outside of supporting the rights of big business there is no reason to vote to approve Chairman Powell's proposal to loosen the present regulations on media ownership. The right at stake is the ability of an individual to easily obtain the whole truth from the media outlets of the United States, not just news approved by large corporations. Approving the proposed regulations will continue a "slippery slope" of curtailing important news stories so that large media outlets can improve their profit margin.

These new regulations lend to an acceptance of media monopolies. Mergers and acquisitions in other industries while sometimes damaging to the public good pale to the damage that these new regulations will cause. If one has to pay more for a long distance phone call because AT&T has a monopoly on the phone industry, one can curtail their phone usage and communicate by other means e.g. email, letters, etc. If one or a few companies own all the media outlets how does one obtain accurate news? What are the alternatives?

The only solution/alternative would be to travel around the world to different news sites and see things first hand. Obviously, for a majority of Americans this is not viable. Therefore, it becomes clear that the new regulations at hand must be rejected.

Please use your powers responsibly and reject the new regulations on Monday June 2

Sincerely,

Kurt van Heiningen

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From: TERRY LYNCH
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:00 PM
Subject: Help Michael Powell get his head out of Dick Cheney's ASS!

Please hurry before Monday or he will be sucked in forever and you all will be pulled in with him!

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CC: Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps

From: Joe Napolitano
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:03 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Ms Abernathy,
Please put off the June 2 vote on FCC rule changes and open it up for public commentary. Thank you.
Joseph Napolitano

From: Harold M. Haider
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:06 PM
Subject: Do Not Expand Ownership Rights In Broadcast Areas.

Lady and Gentlemen:

Do not increase the size of the broadcast market available to one entity (or related entities) in a geographic area.

The "Public Airways" need to be available to all Americans; Black, White, Catholic, Jew, Man, Woman, etc.

We cannot afford to have the broadcast media controlled by the "de facto" monopolies that are forming.

If some one has such extreme personal needs that they are required to control a geographic area; Let them invest in Cable.

Harold M. Haider
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Santa Barbara, CA 93105

From: rjkanes
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:07 PM
Subject: Delay the June 2 vote on media consolidation

Commissioner: please persuade the chairman to delay the June 2 vote on media consolidation.

This is a critical matter which must have public and congressional scrutiny. The secrecy with which this has been done so far, and the refusal to allow even a bipartisan group of congresspersons to learn more, is truly disheartening and extremely unprofessional on the part of the FCC.

Please remember you are all custodians of the public trust, and public servants.

It is not too late to do the right thing, and look out for the interest of the US taxpaying public, not a few large media conglomerates. Delay the vote and allow for a fair hearing!

From: Karen Hanron
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:08 PM
Subject: FCC deregulation

I am a staunch supporter of the Bush administration, however I DO NOT support the deregulation of the FCC's rules on media control. Should this vote go through, I would seriously reconsider my 2004 vote. The public has a right to the fullest range of voices, options, and perspectives. Too much power in too few hands cuts off this option. Please reconsider this decision.

Karen Hanron
Montpelier, VT

From: hethyr world
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:18 PM
Subject: Against lifting the Restrictions on June 2 vote

To whom it may concern:

This is to inform you that I, as a citizen residing in the state of Florida, am against the FCC making any changes to existing restrictions on media outlet ownership. This has been done once already, with radio, and speaking as just a listener it's been disastrous. I shudder to think what would happen if a Clear Channel type company started buying up TV stations and newspapers. Mass mediocrity would ensue.

The arguments I have been hearing recently in favor of lifting restrictions have been that there are plenty of choices already. Five hundred channel cable, anyone? But that's not a true choice if all of those channels are owned by only three companies. There might be 500 restaurants in a city, but if they all are just McDonalds, Burger King, and Taco Bell, what kind of choice is that?

This is also disturbing in the light of the closer and closer ties between big business and politicians. Politicians need a lot of money in order to be elected, and businesses spend fortunes on lobbyists and campaign donations to stay in a favorable light. Say my local Congressman, Mr X, has been indulging in some shady acts that are starting to come to the surface. Of course local voters have the ultimate authority to get rid of Congressman X, but what if they don't know about it? What if the two biggest local TV stations and the only sizable local paper in his district are owned by a fictional media company, named BAMC. Say what if BAMC had contributed a lot of money to Mr X because of his committee placements? What if BAMC had decided that it would not be a wise business decision to prominently broadcast Mr X's shady dealings? What if BAMC decided to bury the story or just give it a passing glance? You now have half the local TV stations and the major newspaper not keeping the local voters informed. Now BAMC doesn't have any outlets in another state, so those viewers and readers are kept informed of the scandal, but of course they can't vote him out of office.

I hope that these concerns are noted and addressed when you meet and decide.

Sincerely,

Heather Roy
Tampa, FL

From: concerned citizen
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:22 PM
Subject: 6-2-03

As a concerned citizen, I must urge you to delay the vote set for 6/2/2003
media is an imparitive part of our freedom of speech and allowing further deregulation, is going to limit the
information we the citizens recieve. please vote down this proposition.
thank you for your consideration.
Aviram soltes

From: CHICAGO KID
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:25 PM
Subject: REGULATIONS

Big corpoate radio and tv are ruining this country..VOTE AGAINST giving them more latitude..ClearChannel especially

From: Bob Maxey
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:28 PM
Subject: Keep media competitive.

Please do not loosen your regulations concerning ownership of more than one media outlet per market.

Robert Maxey
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Flagstaff, AZ 86004

From: Renee Bergan
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:30 PM
Subject: Delay FCC date

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to consider delaying the FCC rule voting and allow time to have a democratic debate about its consequences.

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Thank you,

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"...in such a world of conflict, a world of victims and executioners, it is the job of thinking people, not to be on the side of the executioners."
--Albert Camus

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps

From: Jim and Katie Carl
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:35 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership

Ms Abernathy,

I am a registered voter from southern Illinois. I urge you to delay the vote on broadcast ownership so that there may be a vigorous public debate on this issue. If you do insist on having a hearing and vote, vote against it for the sake of our democracy. Nothing good comes from media consolidation. Politicians are fond of using cost benefit analysis. What possible benefit can outweigh the harm done by putting such terrible power in the hands of so few?

James Carl
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From: David Stevens
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:38 PM
Subject: June 2nd Decision

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,

I am greatly concerned about the possible changes in regulations that are being considered. Media consolidation is not healthy for democracy, and will only serve to limit the number of voices that are heard by the general public.

I urge you to cancel, or at least postpone, the June 2nd vote in order to more closely study and openly debate the effects of these rule changes.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
David Stevens
Eureka, CA

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From: James Meyer
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:42 PM
Subject: Fw: Proposed Law Change

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> I oppose any change in the law that will allow huge buy ups of media
> entities by big purchasers and believe that any consolidation will
> threaten our freedom of speech, not to mention other values we as
> Americans cherish. When control of news is in the hands of just a
> few, our basic freedom of reading and hearing diverse views and
> opposing opinions is not only compromised but threatened to
> extinction. The Patriot Act and other clamp downs by this
> administration in the name of security come dangerously close to
> resembling a form of dictatorship that we should be very wary of.
> Our founding fathers never intended one person or entity to have such
> power. Please do not allow this to be.
>
> "THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD" and some control mongers know it.
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> Sincerely,
>
> Jim and Beverly Meyer
4405 Pike Road
Raleigh, NC 27613
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From: Patrick Skelton
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:46 PM
Subject: <no subject>

Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy:

In regards to the upcoming FCC vote on putting even less restrictions on media conglomeration, here is a perfect example of why it should NOT pass:

Today I was listening to a program on KFI radio and they were lambasting a critic who had given an unfavorable review to the musical 3The Producers^삼. They called him every name under the sun and I wondered why they cared so much. I did some research and found out that the owner of KFI 640 in Los Angeles is Clear Channel, who is also the major money backer (producer) of 3The Producers^삼. There was never any announcement that Clear Channel basically owns both concerns. Maybe not illegal, but certainly unethical.

As more and more media outlets are owned by fewer and fewer companies, this is what the outcome will be: complete bias and truth twisting. And this instance is something that doesn't matter (except to the maligned LA Times critic). What about the really big issues? Do we really want our news controlled by demagogues and diaper companies.? Please do what you can to stop this from going through.

Sincerely,
Patrick Skelton
Los Angeles

From: JosiahWayne Estelle
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:46 PM
Subject: Secret FCC vote on: Changing Media Regulations

Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
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Members of FCC,

It has recently come to my attention that you are planning to have a secret unpublic vote and secret meeting on lifting or changing restrictions on monopolies in public media airwaves and written and spoken media - including radio, television, vcr, music medias and various written and spoken public media outlets.

I truly believe it is not in the public interest or the interests of a democratic free country to secretly change the rules allowing large corporations to own and operate monopolies in the spoken and written media. This type of change allowing large corporations to take control of information is the very essence of fascism and not freedom of the press nor freedom of speech! It is positively not in the interest of a free society and is the opposite of Democracy. It is the very thing which the Adolf Hitler regime in Germany used to take control of information in the 1930's and caused the takeover of the country and World War 2 by the nazi party.

Unfortunately, the United States of America is helplessly sitting by and watching the takeover of our freedoms by the secretive American government and by a few ultra wealthy business's.

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If the FCC is concerned about democracy dying then it will not secretly ramrod through another threat to American citizen's freedom! Please don't vote on this important issue on Monday June 1, 2003. Let this issue come to the American people's awareness so that it can be voted on by the people and not just a secret FCC group.

Thank you,

Prof. Josiah

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